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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

RICHARD KADREY, et al.,
Individual and Representative,
Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No.

META PLATFORMS, INC., 3 : 23 - cv - 03417 - VC
a Delaware corporation,
Defendant.

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VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION of
DAVID CHOUFFNES, Ph.D.
Boston, Massachusetts

Reporter: Michael D. O'Connor, RMR, CRR, CRC
Job No. 7281431

Friday, March 28, 2025

9:34 a.m.

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VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION of DAVID
CHOFFNES, Ph.D., held at Cooley LLP, 50
Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts,
pursuant to notice, before Michael D.
O'Connor, Registered Merit Reporter,
Certified Realtime Reporter, Certified
Realtime Captioner.

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1	A.	I'm there.	11:16:34
2	Q.	Thank you, sir. In connection	11:16:35
3		with your report, you provide certain	11:16:37
4		probabilities that you believe are relevant to	11:16:41
5		whether or not Meta shared a piece in	11:16:44
6		Plaintiffs' work, correct?	11:16:49
7	A.	Correct.	11:16:51
8	Q.	In Table 2, one of the factors you	11:16:51
9		used was the "Hours Leeching," correct?	11:16:54
10	A.	Yes, correct.	11:16:57
11	Q.	By "leeching," we're talking about	11:17:02
12		the period of time when Meta was downloading	11:17:03
13		the torrent, correct?	11:17:06
14	A.	Correct.	11:17:08
15	Q.	Your probabilities, correct me if	11:17:08
16		I'm wrong, do not take into account a period of	11:17:13
17		time, if any, that Meta was seeding, correct?	11:17:16
18	A.	Correct.	11:17:19
19	Q.	Dr. Choffnes, the data sets at	11:17:19
20		issue here, you understand were Internet	11:18:36
21		Archive, Z-Lib and portions of Libgen, correct?	11:18:41
22	A.	By "at issue here," what are you	11:18:47
23		referring? In what context are you referring?	11:18:49
24	Q.	The data sets that you contend	11:18:52
25		there was some probability of uploading by	11:18:54

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1 Q. Understood. And that's spread out 12:49:45
2 among 13 Plaintiffs, correct? 12:49:50
3 A. Actually, I don't know the exact 12:49:52
4 number of Plaintiffs either. But again, if 12:49:53
5 it's helpful, we can sort of assume that for 12:49:56
6 now. 12:49:58

7 Q. Okay. Now, when you say that 12:49:58
8 "Meta shared at least one piece of Plaintiffs' 12:50:07
9 works," is there a particular work that 12:50:10
10 probability relates to? 12:50:16

11 MR. STEIN: Object as to form. 12:50:17

12 A. So the probability analysis 12:50:19
13 doesn't pinpoint which work was shared. It 12:50:21
14 just indicates the likelihood that at least one 12:50:25
15 of those works was shared. 12:50:29

16 Q. Understood. But you hadn't 12:50:31
17 provided an opinion as to the probability that 12:50:35
18 Meta shared at least one piece of each of the 12:50:37
19 Plaintiffs' works, correct? 12:50:42

20 MR. STEIN: Object as to form. 12:50:46

21 A. That wasn't the scope of my 12:50:47
22 analysis. The scope of my analysis was at 12:50:48
23 least one piece of at least one Plaintiff's 12:50:50
24 works. 12:50:52

25 Q. Understood. And then how about at 12:50:53

1 C E R T I F I C A T E
23 I, Michael O'Connor, Registered
4 Merit Reporter/Certified Realtime Reporter,
5 do hereby certify:6 That DAVID R. CHOIFFNES, Ph.D., the
7 witness whose testimony is hereinbefore set
8 forth, was duly sworn by me and that such
9 testimony is a true and accurate record of
10 my stenotype notes taken in the foregoing
11 matter to the best of my knowledge, skill
12 and ability.13 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
14 set my hand and Notarial Seal this 30th day
15 of March 2025.16
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18 *Michael O'Connor*19 MICHAEL O'CONNOR, RMR, CRR, CRC
20 Notary Public21
22 My Commission expires:
2324 November 9, 2029
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